When we come to a painting her one man shows attact increasing attention on the Avenue. One of the really great mural painters of the day is a woman - Hildreth Meière. One of our most distinguished portrait painters is a woman - Cecilia Beaux.

A reviewer of a hundred years from now doing what Dr. Fish did for the field of literature between 1830 and 1850 even preserving his proportions of women to men would have a hard time in selecting, and he would have to have a big book to report his findings. Not going outside of the present decade you find Dr. William Lyons Phelps awarding the highest praise in his list of books he has liked in the last year to a woman - Mary Ellen Chase. If there is any satisfaction it is a woman who has produced the best seller of our times, a compelling piece of writing - Margaret Mitchell's "Gone With the Wind." It was an American woman who last year received the Nobel prize for literature - Pearl Buck.

As for scholarly contributions women are making them almost daily - good writing - honest investigation - real contributions to our knowledge of our country and what has been done in its brief career. No one can write American history any more in any department if he does it thoroughly without using the investigations of American women.

Digital Image ©2009 The Ida M. Tarbell Collection 1890-1944 Allegheny College Pelletier Library